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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

REF: A) CAIRO 5831; B) STATE 132749

CASABLANCA FOR RCAA:

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION PER REF A
TO RAISE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION TO MINISTER OF CIVIL
AVIATION, ABER ZEID, AND TO HAVE EMBOFF PARTICIPATE IN
MEETING. BESIDES MAKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 REF B,
EMBOFF SHOULD ALSO PROPOSE THAT EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ALLOW
TWA TO CONTINUE PRESENT FLIGHTS BEYOND JULY 1 FOR ADDITION-
AL THREE MONTHS, TO OCTOBER 1. DURING THIS PERIOD, ADDI-
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TWA COMPETITION ON EGYPTAIR. IF, AFTER THIS PERIOD,

EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WERE TO REMAIN DISSATISFIED, USG
WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO EARLY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. IN POINTING OUT USG CONCERN ABOUT
IMPENDING TWA TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS AND INCONSISTENCY OF
THESE RESTRICTIONS WITH BILATERAL, EMBOFF SHOULD STATE
OUR WILLINGNESS TO RESOLVE MATTER WITH GOE IN CONSULTATIONS
ON BASIS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCORD, BUT THAT

CONSULTATIONS AT THIS STAGE WOULD NOT APPEAR PRODUCTIVE
FOR LACK OF ADEQUATE EXPERIENCE TO EVALUATE EGYPTIAN
ASSERTIONS THAT TWA TRAFFIC WOULD DISPLACE THAT OF
EGYPTAIR'S.

2. DEPARTMENT REALIZES POSSIBILITY THAT IN MEETING WITH
EMBOFF, GOE OFFICIALS MAY REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS.
IF THEY DO, OR IF SUGGESTION OF 3 MONTH WAITING PERIOD
IS REJECTED, EMBASSY MAY AGREE TO TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN
JULY OR IN CAIRO AT LATER DATE PROVIDED GOE CONTINUES
TO PERMIT TWA OPERATIONS AT PRESENT LEVEL. DEPARTMENT
WILLINGNESS TO TALKS BASED ON NECESSITY TO MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO PROTECT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF US AIRLINES AND
TO SEEK COMPLIANCE WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS.

3. TWA'S BRIGGS ON JUNE 16 BRIEFED DEPARTMENT CONCERNING
HIS RECENT CAIRO VISIT. BRIGGS WAS NOT HOPEFUL THAT ISSUE
COULD BE RESOLVED DIRECTLY BETWEEN AIRLINES AND RECOMMENDED
THAT MATTER BE TAKEN UP BY GOVERNMENTS. HE EXPRESSED
WISH THAT USG REQUEST CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE JULY 1
DEADLINE. KISSINGER

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